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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

BELGIUM.

Quarantine Measures Against Certain Ports Suspended.

According to information received from the minister for foreign affairs, the quarantine measures on account of plague which were put in force by decree of February 1, 1911, against merchandise originating at San Francisco, Cal., were suspended by decree of February 22, 1912. The decree went into effect February 28. The same decree also suspends measures against the ports of Kobe and Osaka, Japan.

CHINA.

Hongkong—Plague—Plague-Infected Rat.

Surg. Brown reports: During the week ended February 10, 4 cases of plague with 4 deaths were reported in Hongkong.

During the same period 2,198 rats were examined for plague infection. One plague-infected rat was found.

EGYPT.

Cairo—Typhus Fever.

Vice Consul Knabenshue reports the occurrence of 7 cases of typhus fever at Cairo during the three weeks ended February 15, 1912.

HAWAII.

Record of Plague Infection.

The last case of human plague at Honolulu occurred July 12, 1910.

The last plague-infected rat was found at Aiea, 9 miles from Honolulu, April 12, 1910.

A case of human plague was reported at Kapulena, Hawaii, October 28, 1911.

At Hilo the last case of human plague occurred March 23, 1910. At Honokaa, 60 miles from Hilo, a fatal case occurred April 20, 1911, a fatal case February 9, 1912, and 2 fatal cases February 25, 1912.

The last plague-infected rats reported found at Honokaa were 49 found during the week ended March 2, 1912. At Hilo a plague-infected rat was found during the week ended June 10, 1911, and 2 plague-infected rats were reported found February 29, 1912.